

Version With Markings To Show Changes Made

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph at page 2, line 8 - 18 with the following paragraph:

The present invention includes a tent assembly that can be removably attached to the cargo box of a pickup truck. The cargo box includes a left sidewall and a right sidewall. A forward wall and a tailgate are installed between the sidewalls at opposite ends of the cargo box. Moreover, the tent assembly includes a center section that defines a top, a left sidewall, and a right sidewall. Each sidewall includes an inner side flap and an outer side flap that can be draped over respective cargo box sidewalls and then, attached thereto. The tent sidewalls extend from the forward wall of the cargo box, along the length of the cargo box sidewalls, and across the tailgate, when it is in an open horizontal position. The tent assembly also includes a horizontal flap that is connected between the tent sidewalls such that it is beneath the open tailgate.

Please replace the paragraph at page 3, line 8 - 15 with the following paragraph:

In a typical cargo box, each sidewall includes an interior lip and the inner flap includes plural hooks that extend from it. The hooks are used to [the] hook each inner flap to the interior lip of each sidewall. Some pickup trucks, on the other hand, can include a cargo box liner installed within the cargo box. As such, the cargo box can be formed with plural holes, and the hooks, that extend from the inner flap, can be inserted into the holes to fasten each inner flap to the cargo box liner. Preferably, the tent assembly includes plural restraint lines that connect the outer flaps to the cargo box.

Please replace the paragraph at page 6, line 14 - page 7, line 2 with the following paragraph:

Figure 2 further shows that the tent assembly 26 includes a generally vertical aft section 40 that is sewn to the center section 28 in order to enclose the aft opening of the tent assembly 26. A generally vertical forward section [(not shown)] 41 is also sewn to the center section 28 to enclose the forward opening of the tent assembly 26. As shown in Figure 2, the aft section 40 of the tent assembly 36 includes an aft screen 42 incorporated therein. It is to be understood that the aft screen 42 is zippered around its outer periphery so that it may be opened to allow access to the interior of the tent assembly 26. The aft screen 42 is backed by a zippered door panel 44 that, like the zippered side vent panels 38, can selectively cover its respective screen 42 to control the amount of air entering the tent assembly 26 and to prevent rain from entering, as well. A forward screen [(not shown)] 43 and a cab access panel [(not shown)] 45 are incorporated into the forward section of the tent assembly 26.

Please replace the paragraph at page 7, line 21 - page 8, line 4 with the following paragraph:

It is to be understood that the tent poles 54, 58, 62 are flexible tent poles well known in the art. Accordingly, each tent pole 54, 58, 62 can include tubular tent pole sections that can be fitted together end to end. An elastic cord is installed through the tent pole sections. The cord is stretched and then attached to the ends of the tent pole. The tension in the cord compresses the tent pole sections and prevents the tent pole from easily coming apart although the sections can be disengaged by hand when desired to collapse the tent [pole] poles 54, 58, 62. When installed, each tent pole 54, 58, 62 is bent in an arc and prevents the center section 28 of the tent assembly 26 from collapsing.

Please replace the paragraph at page 10, line 10 - 24 with the following paragraph:

As shown in Figure 6, the tent cover 88 includes a forward tent pole cover sleeve 96 and an aft tent cover pole sleeve 98 into which a forward tent cover pole 100 and an aft tent cover pole 102 are slidably disposed, respectively. The ends of the tent cover poles 100, 102 are anchored in tent cover pole grommets 104 that are located a few inches below the forward and aft tent pole sleeves 48, 52. When properly anchored in the grommets 104, the tent cover poles 100, 102 bend away from the center of the tent cover 88 to provide support for the tent cover extensions 92, 94. Figure 6 also shows plural connectors 106 located along the bottom edge of the tent cover 88 to which the tent cover 88 is removably attached. These connectors 106 allow the tent cover 88 to be fastened tightly over the tent assembly 26 and prevent the tent cover 88 from blowing off the tent assembly 26 during high winds. Hook-and-loop material (not shown) is also used between the exterior of the tent assembly 26, e.g., along the tent pole sleeves 48, 50, 52, and the interior of the tent cover 88 to further prevent the tent cover 88 from being forcefully removed from the tent assembly 26 by strong winds.